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SUBJ: CIVAIR-ALIA CHARTERS

REF: AMMAN 3295

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO CROWN
PRINCE FROM SECRETARY: QUOTE

THANK YOU FOR THE MESSAGE YOU SENT ME ON JUNE 22
CONCERNING CHARTER RIGHTS FOR ALIA.

I AM HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS
PREPARED TO CONSIDER AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD OFFER
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALIA TO OPERATE A REASONABLE NUMBER OF
CHARTERS OUT OF THE U.S.

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IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THIS EXCEPTIONAL

TREATMENT, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON NON-SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES WHICH WOULD SET FORTH THE RIGHTS WHICH AIRLINES OF BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE TO OPERATE CHARTERS INTO AND OUT OF THE OTHER COUNTRY. IN THE NEAR FUTURE WE WILL BE PRESENTING A PROPOSED DRAFT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

I AM PLEASED AT THE PROSPECT OF THIS EXPANDED COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RESTATE OUR INTEREST IN THE WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF JORDAN. UNQUOTE

2. CONCURRENTLY WITH THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE PRECEDING NOTE, OR SEPARATELY IF MORE APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO CONVEY TO JORDANIAN OFFICIALS FACT THAT WHILE FINAL NEGOTIATION OF ALL THE DETAILS OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT MAY TAKE SOME TIME, IN INTERIM, ALIA HAS, OF COURSE, A VALID PERMIT FROM THE CAB TO CONDUCT CHARTER SERVICES TO AND FROM THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS PRESUMABLY BRIEF INTERIM PERIOD WE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE THAT CONDITIONS IN ALIA'S PERMIT WOULD SERIOUSLY HINDER THE AIRLINE'S OPERATIONS.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE THAT AGREEMENT WE HAVE IN MIND WOULD IN SOME WAYS PARALLEL NORMAL BILATERAL AGREEMENT IN SCHEDULED SERVICE FIELD. THAT IS, THERE WOULD BE AN AGREEMENT WITH SEVERAL ARTICLES COVERING SUCH SUBJECTS AS TECHNICAL AUTHORIZATION, TARIFFS, CUSTOMS EXEMPTIONS, SAFETY CONSULTATIONS, ETC. ACTUAL CHARTER RIGHTS EXCHANGED WOULD BE COVERED IN AN ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT. CONCERNING SUCH RIGHTS, IT WOULD BE OUR EXPECTATION THAT JORDAN WOULD FORMALLY CONFIRM STATEMENTS IT HAS MADE IN THE PAST CONCERNING COMPLETE FREEDOM U.S. AIRLINES HAVE TO CONDUCT CHARTERS TO AND FROM JORDAN; IN VIEW OF THE SEVERAL UNIQUE FACTORS IN THIS CASE AS WELL AS THE PRECEDENTIAL IMPLICATIONS INLD FOR THE U.S. IN ANY ALTERATION OF THE STANDARD 4:3 UPLIFT RATIO, WE WOULD EXPECT AS WELL A REAFFIRMATION FROM JORDAN THAT ALIA HAS NO INTENTION OF INAUGURATING SCHEDULED SERVICE TO THE U.S. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE CHARTER AGREEMENT. (THIS SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT BE AN ONEROUS EXPECTATION SINCE, AS ALIA MAKES CLEAR IN ITS PETITION TO THE CAB FOR RECONSIDERATION, IT HAS NO INTEREST IN INAUGURATING SCHEDULED SERVICE AND WOULD ONLY DO SO ON T E ASSUMPTION THAT IT WOULD THEREBY OBTAIN BROADENED CHARTER AUTHORITY.)

4. FOR ITS PART, THE U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO MEET ALIA'S REQUIREMENT FOR AT LEAST 20 U.S.-ORIGIN CHARTER

FLIGHTS PER YEAR OUTSIDE OR INDEPENDENT OF THE UPLIFT
RATIO (WHICH WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO REMAIN AT 4:3 IN ORDER
TO AVOID AN UNACCEPTABLE DEPARTURE FROM OUR CHARTER
POLICIES). ROGERS

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